

Wenham Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2006

Members Present

Patrick Wilson (chairman)
Leo Maestranzi
Philip Colarusso
Roland Bonnette

Malcolm Reid
Robert Burnett
Linda Hansen (coordinator and secretary)

7:35 – 8:25 PM CONSERVATION COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING

7:35 A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved by all present (6-0) to approve the minutes of January 9, 2006.

7:36 Notice of Intent - 140 Main Street

DEP file number 326-0285

Terra Search/Sprint Spectrum and Town of Wenham, applicants

Chairman Wilson recused himself and Commissioner Maestranzi assumes as acting chairman. Present were John Dick (Hancock Associates) and Tim Greene (Terra Search) representing Sprint and Peter Hersee (Town of Wenham). Abutters included: Micheal Kilborn (11 Friend Ct), Tod Brainard (168 Main St), Elizabeth Colt (18 Larch Row, Trustee, Larch Row Realty Trust), and Lisa Azeni (13 Friend Ct).

John Dick presented the proposal to build a communications tower within the 30ft no-build zone. The project includes an 8 ft wide gravel road, fence, turnout area around the communication tower, communication tower, revegetation of area inside fence, and two water quality swales. Changes from their previous filing (DEP file number 326-0277) include a narrower roadway and foundation for cell tower, and wetland mitigation.

Abutter comments include:

1. Elaboration how previous filing differs from current (ie., 8 ft rather than 12 ft wide road).
2. Pre-existence of a road (earlier filing implied that the road would be new construction, not pre-existing).
3. Phase II site characterization needs to be performed prior to permitting.
4. Earlier filing also misidentified the area as flood zone B, rather than A.
5. Reason for denial for the last application should be made clear to commission.

Comments from the commissioners include:

1. The location of the wetland flags relative to the location of the project.
2. Denial of previous filing requires review.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved by all present (5-0) to continue the public hearing until the next scheduled meeting (Feb 13).

8:05 Certificate of Compliance

Gordon College, President's residence driveway

DEP file number 326-0246

Commissioner Reid recused himself. Agent will look through records/minutes to look for information on revisions to project after permitting.

8:15 Discussion

1. Burley Street 40B project-- case screening scheduled for January 24, 2006 @ 2:00.
2. Chairman Wilson asked for input to annual report.

8:25 Meeting Adjourned. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by all present (6-0) to adjourn the meeting.